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Sea Cadets clean-up La Jolla Shores

by Lance Cpl.
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PAO, MCAS Miramar

The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps Gunfighter Squadron, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, conducted a beach clean-up at La Jolla Shores April 29.

The adult leaders of the cadets arranged for the beach clean-up to help build teamwork amongst the cadets and preserve the environment.

The Navy Sea Cadets Corps is a federal chartered, non-profit organization sponsored by the Navy League and supported by the Department of the Navy, according to the Sea Cadets Web site.

Dozens of Sea Cadets, ages 13-18, hit the beach early in the morning armed with plastic bags and rubber gloves.

They combed the small beach collecting trash that had either washed in with the tide or been carelessly dumped.

After completing the clean-up, the cadets gathered on the beach for a barbecue feast with their families and friends.

Most Saturdays the Gunfighters meet to conduct a variety of fun and educa-



photo by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

The United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps Gunfighter Squadron swarm La Jolla Shores beach, disposing of any trash they come across, April 29. The cadets participated in the clean-up as a way to build team work and clean up the environment.

tional activities. They are also given the opportunity to take part in Naval ship-board training.

A summarized version of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion training and Navy Sea Air Land team training are just a sample cadets have

experienced.

The next big event for the cadets is scheduled for June 17.

A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor will address the cadets following the showing of the movie "Tora Tora Tora."

Station personnel are invited to attend the event, to be held here in the station theater.

For more information about the Sea Cadets and their schedule of events contact Dennis Dickerson at (213) 576-6605.

PCS process gets revamped

by Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A faster, easier, less expensive permanent-change-of-station process is on its way to ease the stress of more than 700,000 military families who move around the world each year.

The initiative is targeted at scrapping mountains of paperwork, eliminating out-of-pocket expenses and creating a user-friendly, Internet-based, personalized, state-of-the-art relocation system, according to Stephen Rossetti, director of the Defense Integrated Travel and Relocation Solutions Office.

"Military people are ordered to move. They have no choice. We need to do all we can to make it easier," Rossetti said.

The plan includes proposals before Congress, where service members would be offered no-receipt-required, lump-sum payment for temporary lodging expenses, temporary lodging allowances, and even a monetary incentive not to ship "junk" cars overseas.

One of the biggest concerns is out-of-pocket expenses for PCS moves, Rossetti noted. Service members in grades E-5 to E-9 incur nonreimbursable expenses of more than \$1,000 each time they move.

Simplifying the process includes cutting a 10-volume set of books and nearly 2,000 pieces of PCS entitlement data down to about 100 pages. Liking the current entitlement rules to the tax code, Rossetti said people who have the time to understand it will get the most money back, but those that can't, end up spending more.

The Internet enables relocation personnel to tailor the PCS process to fit each individual's moving situation, Rossetti noted. When the personal profile is validated, the traveler keys in the

Chef of the Quarter recognized

by Lance Cpl.
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Three chefs from Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area, loaded with pans of freshly cooked chicken, greens, desserts and a variety of dining delicacies commanded the attention of every Marine within view, April 25.

Unlike previous competitions, the three chefs were given no rules concerning what to cook or how. "We did something a little bit different this year. Normally we'd put them in the gally and give them a menu and say this is what you're going to do and you're going to stick to the recipe," said Master Sgt. James A. Stewart, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing food technician. "This time

we changed things. We gave them raw ingredients and said go for it. So what you see out here today is what they have come-up with."

"They've written their own menu, prepared their own products. They did everything themselves. They used their own imagination," Stewart said.

Each chef was judged on the taste, appearance and presentation of his meal. A written evaluation of each chef's ability to answer a series of questions was also completed.

To ensure the judging remained unbiased, the judges were not told who cooked what.

After the judges sampled all of the food, the buffet was open to



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Camille C. Smith, food officer here, presents Cpl. Marc Rodriguez, chef at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., with the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the award for Chef of the Quarter at Gonzalez Hall, April 28.

photo by Lance Cpl.
Kristopher S. Haloj

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Support elections, but follow regs

by Maj. Steve Eaheart

MCB, Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — As the Election Year 2000 political campaigns heat up, it is imperative that all military personnel and DoD civilian employees review the regulations concerning political activities.

As a matter of long-standing policy, DoD does not engage in activities that could be interpreted as associating DoD with any partisan political causes, issues, or candidates.

Both law and regulation impose restrictions on political activity by civilian employees and military personnel. Complete details can be found at www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics.

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Examples of permissible political activities for military personnel are: register, vote and express personal opinions on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the armed forces; promote and encourage other military members to vote, if such promotion does not constitute an attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election; join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform; write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing the member's personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign or concerted solicitation of votes for or against a political party,

partisan political cause or candidate; make monetary contributions to a political organization, party, or committee favoring a particular candidate and on the member's private vehicle.

Examples of prohibited political activities for military personnel are: use official authority or influence to interfere with an election; solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, or require or solicit political contributions from others; participate in partisan political management or campaigns, or make public speeches in the course thereof; solicit or receive a campaign contribution from another member of the armed forces or civilian employee for promoting a political cause; allow or cause to

be published partisan political articles signed or written by the member that solicit votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate; participate in any radio, television, or other program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate; solicit or otherwise engage in fundraising activities in federal offices or facilities, including military reservations, for a partisan political cause or candidate; march or ride in a partisan political parade; display a large political sign, banner, or poster on the top or side of a private vehicle and attend partisan political events as an official

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Leaving Active Service?

by Sgt. Angela C. Strong

Marine Corps News

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps Recruiting Command processed and received approval for 234 prior service reenlistments between Jan. 1 and March 30, a 34 percent increase over 1999. The success is due, in part, to the Reenlistment Card program.

In an effort to assist the Corps in retaining well-trained, high-quality first-termers, Marine Corps Recruiting Command reactivated the Reenlistment Card program Jan. 1. Former Marines who leave the Corps with a reenlistment code of RE-1A, are contacted in approximately 90 days to inquire if they are interested in reenlisting.

In some cases, Marines may be eligible for the Broken Service Se-

lective Reenlistment Bonus program. The program could be even more successful if Marines leaving active duty make sure they provide an accurate address and telephone number where they can be contacted.

Getting reestablished in civilian society often involves several moves and, unless Marines notify the Marine Corps of their new address, they may not be able to be contacted and provided information that could convince them of the value of returning to the ranks of the Corps. Leaders have been requested to counsel Marines approaching their end of active service to ensure they can be contacted in the future.

For more information, see Marine Administrative Message 223/00.

Awards for excellence...



photo by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon, Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area, congratulates Lance Cpl. Evan T. Speer, Marine of the Quarter and travel clerk at H&HS Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and Cpl. Dennis A. Lopez (background), the Noncommissioned officer of the Quarter and waste handler, H & HS Marine Corps Air Station

Camp Pendleton. Maj. Gen. Bowdon presented Certificates of Commendation and the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, April 25, for their respective selections as Marine and Noncommissioned Officers of the Quarter for MCAS Miramar. These Marines were also awarded various other prizes including tickets to Sea World.

Reardon to head up MACG-38



Official USMC photo

Col. John D. Reardon

by Staff Sgt.
Ted L. Hansen

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Col. Harry C. Spies will relinquish command of Marine Air Control Group 38 to Col. John D. Reardon during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 4, 3 p.m., today.

Spies, who assumed command of MACG-38 in November 1998, will proceed to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters for duties as the next

assistant wing commander.

Reardon comes to MACG-38 after serving as the operations officer at 3d MAF Headquarters since September 1999.

A native of Fallriver, Mass., Reardon was commissioned a second lieutenant in December 1975, upon graduation from the University of Rhode Island.

Reardon's nearly 25-year career includes tours with Marine Air Control Squadron 5 and Marine Air Control Group 28. While serving as the MACG-28 special projects officer, Reardon participated in counter-drug operations, Turk Caicos.

He also served as the operations officer of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Lebanon, and deployed to Operations Desert Shield and Storm while assigned to Marine Aviation Weapons/Tactics Squadron 1.

In a subsequent assignment as the operations and executive officer of MACG-38, Reardon served as the air control authority during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

He then assumed his first command as commanding officer of Marine Air Control Squadron 1.

Reardon's experience also includes staff assignments at the Department of Defense Headquarters. There he served as a desk officer in the office of the deputy assistant secretary of defense, peace keeping and peace enforcement. Reardon also performed duties as operations director in the office of the principle deputy assistant secretary of defense, Balkan Task Force.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Commendation Medal and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Reardon and his wife Patsy have two children, Daniel John and Elizabeth.



Official USMC photo

Col. Harry C. Spies

Courts-martial/NJPs

- Staff Sgt. K.J. Dickinson from MAG-16, 3d MAW, was found guilty by General Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 81: conspiring to obstruct justice; Article 91: disobeying a lawful order; Article 92: violating a lawful order and dereliction of duty; Article 108: damage to government property; Article 111: operating a vehicle while drunk; Article 112: drunk on duty and Article 134: obstructing justice. He was sentenced to three months confinement, reduction to private and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

- Cpl. B.A. Forbes from MAG-16, 3d MAW, was found guilty by General Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 81: conspiring to distribute illegal drugs and Article 112a: distributing methamphetamine, LSD, methylenedioxy amphetamine, using methamphetamine, LSD and marijuana. He was sentenced to 54 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to private and a Dishonorable Discharge.

- Lance Cpl. Z.R. Fisher from MAG-16, 3d MAW was found guilty by General Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 80: attempt to purchase and possess LSD and Ecstasy with the intent to distribute; Article 81: conspiring to distribute illegal drugs and Article 112a: possessing methamphetamine. He was sentenced to 30 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to private and a Dishonorable Discharge.

- Lance Cpl. W.D. Mullins from MAG-16, 3d MAW, was found guilty by General Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 112a: using marijuana, opium, LSD and distributing marijuana. He was sentenced to four years confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to private and a Dishonorable Discharge.

- Pfc. R.W. Redifer from MWSG-37, 3d MAW, was found guilty by Special Court-martial under the UCMJ of Article 86: absent without leave and Article 112a: using Ecstasy. He was sentenced to 60 days confinement, forfeiture of \$1,200, reduction to private and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

- A sergeant from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article: 111: drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle, aircraft or vessel. The sergeant was sentenced to forfeiture of \$600 and reduction to corporal.

- A sergeant from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article 111: drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle, aircraft or vessel; and Article 134: fleeing the scene of an accident. The sergeant was sentenced to 30 days restriction and extra duties, forfeiture of \$300 and reduction to corporal.

- A sergeant from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article 92: failure to obey a lawful order or regulation. The sergeant was sentenced to 30 days restriction and extra duties, forfeiture of \$300, and reduction to corporal.

- A lance corporal from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment of Article 92: failure to obey a lawful order or regulation. The lance corporal was sentenced to forfeiture of \$400 and reduction to private first class.

- A lance corporal from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article 128: assault. The

lance corporal was sentenced to 30 days extra duties, forfeiture of \$400 and reduction to private first class.

- A private first class from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article 86: absent without leave; and Article 107: false official statement. The private first class was sentenced to 30 days restriction and extra duties, forfeiture of \$300, and reduction to private.

- A private first class from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article 86: absent without leave. The private first class was sentenced to 30 days restriction and extra duties, forfeiture of \$400 and reduction to private.

- A private from H & HS was found guilty by Non-judicial Punishment under the UCMJ of Article 86: absent without leave; Article 92: failure to obey an order of regulation; and Article 107: false official statements. The private was sentenced to forfeiture of \$400, 30 days restriction and 30 days extra duties.

Take one!



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Commander MCABWA, Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon, presents Chief Warrant Officer 3 Wayne H. Golwitzer, officer-in-charge, Visual Information Support Center, with a Communicator Award of Distinction for the production of a historical documentary about former Marine Corps Air Stations El Toro and Tustin. The film was among the top 18 percent of more than 3,200 productions from 49 states and seven countries. Competitors were both military and civilian, including Time-Warner Communications, Discovery Channel, J. Walter Thompson and multiple television stations world-wide, according to Golwitzer.

Briefly

Experience Casino Night

The San Diego Thunder girls softball team is holding a Casino Night May 20 from 7-11 p.m. at the Westwood Club located at 17394 West Bernardo Road. The night's theme will be Western and the entertainment will include prizes, games, food and refreshments. The event is open to everyone for \$25 per person. Reservations are suggested. For more information or to make reservations call, Madeline Velazquez at 538-7444 or Nick Gistaro at (619) 426-6891.

Instructors needed

Various high schools throughout the Mid-West are in need of Senior Marine Instructors and Marine Instructors for their Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs. Any Marine officer or staff noncommissioned officer preparing to retire this year

may apply. The following high schools are hiring: Davenport High School, Davenport, Iowa; Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Nobile Street Charter, Chicago; Forsyth High School, Muncie, Ind., and Mountain Grove High School, Mountain Grove, Miss. For more information, e-mail Cpl. Prater at Praterap@9mcd.usmc.mil.

New uniform undershirt regulations

As of May 1, Marines are only authorized to wear a green undershirt with the utility uniform.

Volunteers sought for Mira Mesa clean up

Marines are needed to assist in the Los Penasquitos Canyon clean up in Mira Mesa,

Calif., Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Marines will meet at the empty lot at Zapata Avenue and Blythe Road. For more information, call 695-1571.

Station to open Correctional Custody facility

Work on a new Correctional Custody facility is being done in preparation for the facility's opening this October at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Old timer to fly again

Restored B-24 and B-17 aircraft will fly into Gillespie Field in El Cajon, Calif., Sunday. This event was sponsored by the Collins Foundation, a non-profit organization, to support living history events like these two aircraft.

Corps



Briefs

Pendleton Marines test new NBC gear

by Sgt. M.C. Miller

PAO, MCB Camp Pendleton

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.— The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit recently evaluated the new Enhanced Nuclear, Biological and Chemical system for its upcoming six-month Western Pacific deployment.

The “Fighting 13th” is the first Fleet Marine Force unit to be issued the complete system. The equipment will enhance the skills of NBC teams to detect, identify and decontaminate certain types of chemical and biological agents.

The E-NBC system gives the 13th MEU a better way of protecting its Marines while they are in a potentially hazardous situation, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Louis Renteria, Battalion Landing Team 3/1 NBC officer.

According to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dale Ferguson, 13th MEU NBC officer, the new E-NBC full-body suit also allows Marines to conduct normal physical tasks while remaining fully protected from harmful contaminants.

To test the new NBC system, a six-man team donned their protective equipment and marched in formation to a warehouse 150 yards away. Carrying a cooler, a black briefcase and a yellow and gray box, the team arrived at the simulated contaminated site. The team quickly moved into action to test the contaminants, gathering dirt, liquid and air samples.

Although the team members were protected from

head to toe, the E-NBC suit allowed the Marines to maintain effective communication. The E-NBC system has a clear plastic face mask, a compressed air tank and a small radio installed in the face mask, which allows team members to converse.

“It helps you respect what you are getting into if the suits are going to protect you this much,” said Cpl. Marc Rudolf, a 36-year-old team leader from Norfolk, Va.

“This can give us immediate results,” said Renteria. “We used to have to take samples and send them out to a lab. It could take days or weeks to find out if the area was safe for Marines to occupy. With this equipment, we can instantly make that decision in most cases.”

The hardest part of the training was learning how to decontaminate and identify chemicals, but it is also the most important, said Cpl. Andrew Bunce, a 22-year-old team member from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. “You have to do everything exactly right or you don’t get the right reading and Marines’ lives are at stake.” Testing team members completed three weeks of intensive E-NBC training to master the new system, according to Chief Warrant Officer Ferguson. There is at least one more planned exercise during the workups, he added. “We are infantrymen and we train as such all the time,” said Lance Cpl. Raymond Godoy, a 22-year-old team member from Los Angeles. “If we are going to be proficient with this equipment, we need to practice this constantly also.”

With the new E-NBC equipment, 13th MEU’s NBC detection teams will be able to identify contaminants quickly and safely - keeping Marines in the fight.



photo by Sgt. M.C. Miller

Marines clad in the new Enhanced Nuclear, Biological and Chemical suit, carry a victim from a simulated American embassy to a decontamination site more than 500 yards away. These Marines from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit are the first Marines to test the suits. They will also be the first unit to receive the new suits.

Gray trophy unveiled

by Cpl. Daryl Sanford

PAO, MCB Quantico, Va.

QUANTCIO, Va. — The Gen. Alfred M. Gray Trophy for outstanding command and control leadership was officially unveiled at a Marine Corps University Foundation dinner, April 28, at the Clubs at Quantico.

Until now, there was not an award for performance and leadership for Marines in combat arms.

Beginning this year, Marines in the 0602 MOS, or those who held those billets during the prior calendar year may be nominated for the Gray Trophy. “It will

raise awareness of the critical contribution to warfighting capabilities made by command and control systems officers,” said Lt. Col. William Wright, deputy director, Command and Control Systems (C2S) School.”

The Gray Trophy was conceived and developed by Col. Michael B. Warlick in coordination with the Marine Corps leadership to support the growing demand for command and control systems that support warfighting in today’s environment. The trophy is named after retired Gen. Alfred M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Gray was selected because of his efforts to foster an appreciation of communications and intelligence as a prelude to development of a warfighting philosophy which continues today, according to a draft of Marine



photo by Cpl. Daryl Sanford

I. Michael Warlick, Director, Command and Control Systems School, unveils the Gray Trophy. It was modeled after Joseph Christian Leyendecker’s painting of Sgt. John Quick signaling Marines aboard the *USS Dolphin* during the Spanish-American War.

Corps Order 1650.

The trophy was modeled after Joseph Christian Leyendecker’s painting of Sgt. John Quick signaling to Marines aboard the *USS Dolphin* during the Spanish-American War. The sculptor was Terry Karselis, of Chestfield, Va.

The award concept was presented to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps Oct. 7, 1999. After receiving financial support from Sprint, a national telecommunications company, the award was approved Feb. 7.

After Gen. Gray approved the use of his name on the award, it was released Corps-wide through a Marine Administrative Mes-

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Safety brief

Courtesy of Safety Department

MCAS Miramar

Bicycling is great exercise. It can be done just about anywhere, and it burns off calories and gives the heart a great workout. It's also economical and pollution free. However, almost a half million people a year go to emergency rooms after bike accidents; more than a 1,000 die.

Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers. However, they're generally competing for road space with motorcycles, automobiles, vans and trucks, and they're the smallest, slowest vehicles on the road.

Cyclists who want to enjoy their sport should use operational risk management before hopping on the bike: Identify the hazards, assess the risks, decide, implement controls and supervise.

Riders should always implement the following controls:

- Always wear a Snell or ANSI approved helmet for protection.
- Be as visible as possible. Wear bright colors during the day (neon-bright pinks and greens work great). At night, wear reflective clothing.

- Always use head and tail lights when riding at night.

- Keep equipment well maintained and tires properly inflated.

- Check bike thoroughly before each ride.

Riders should also follow these rules of the road:

- Stay as near the right-hand edge of the roadway as practicable. Ride with traffic.

- Obey all signs and signals.

- Avoid busy streets.

- Beware of changing road conditions. Sand, sticks, loose gravel and glass are hazards to the cyclist.

- Use hand signals to alert motorists, cyclists and pedestrians of your intention to change direction.

- Watch for people in parked cars. A motorist may not be watching for bicyclists when pulling out in front of you or opening a car door in your path.

- Be alert and ready to react to any situation which might cause you trouble.

- Know the laws affecting the bicycle and its rider.

Whether riding alone, with a friend or a group, apply ORM; obey the rules of the road; drive defensively; and have a safe and enjoyable ride!

\$8 million dollar man awarded



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Commander, MCABWA, Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon, presents George W. Bush Jr., deputy assistant chief of staff, G-3 Training, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, with a Certificate of Commendation for superior civilian service. Bush saved the Marine Corps more than \$8 million by skillfully coordinating the relocation of eight F/A-18, KC-130, CH-46E and CH-53E aviation simulator trainers from the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro to MCAS Miramar. The manner in which Bush coordinated the relocation also saved the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing valuable training days, reducing the impact of the move on operational readiness.



Sergeant Major's Corner



by Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub

Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Well Marines, it's that time of year again when I solicit your ideas and recommendations to submit to the 2000 Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Symposium.

As you know, once a year in August about 50 of the major command sergeants major travel to Washington, to meet with the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps to discuss those topics that affect the warfighting and well-being of our Corps.

This year Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichael instituted a Web site to send your agenda items to after we discuss them as a Force and before the symposium meets.

This will allow the Branch Heads at Headquarters Marine Corps to start working on them even before we arrive for the conference. This should speed up the process of getting an answer on the topics submitted.

How do you get your idea into the symposium? It is really quite simple. All you have to do is either e-mail, type or write longhand your idea, recommendation or agenda item to your sergeant major via your company first sergeant in the following format: topic, discussion and recommendation.

As you can see, this list allows you ample opportunity to submit your ideas no matter where you are stationed in the Force. Once your idea reaches one of the above sergeants major, they will compile them and, at a date to be determined, we will meet via video teleconference and discuss them.

What I do as the Force sergeant major is list the top 10 issues that affect the entire Force and submit those as my Marine Forces Pacific agenda items. The rest

go in as agenda items from those subordinate commands of MARFORPAC.

The bottom line is that all your ideas reach the symposium. The only way it does not is if two or more Marines submit the same topic. When that happens, we will vote for the submission we think most clearly articulates the topic and submit the best one.

Anyone can submit an agenda item. If any of our officers want to submit one, hey no problem, we sergeants major are everyone's representatives. Fire away. If any of our Sailors in the Force have an idea, please submit it.

The bottom line is no Marine, Sailor, enlisted or officer in MARFORPAC has the market cornered on good ideas. We are looking for things to make our Corps better and those ideas can come from anywhere.

If you want to work on an agenda item as a class going through the Corporals, Sergeants, Career or Advanced Course, please send it in. If your fire team, shop, office or whatever has an idea, please send it in. We need your great ideas to make our Corps even better in the future.

Marines, I have been honored to attend the last four symposiums, and I can tell you I have seen your great ideas and suggestions become a reality in our Corps.

Let's make the first Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Symposium of the new millennium one that will set the stage for progress in the new century. All it takes is for you to put pen to paper and submit your great ideas.

Don't let an idea die around the bar just because you were too lazy to write it down and submit it. Let's get busy. I look forward to seeing your ideas.

Semper Fi.

Botanical Gardens: A glimpse of paradise

by Sgt. Kimberly L. Wilkie

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Rugged outdoor adventures in the mountains or oceans are not often a day trip of choice for most parents of newborns or year-young toddlers. Most of the “tourist traps” in Southern California are loud, exciting and filled with people.

While these characteristics may be fun for most children 5-years-old and up, they’re not the kinds of places many families may feel comfortable planning first outings with very small children.

A leisurely drive to an inexpensive destination with facilities for both child and parent. The broad walkways and lots of fresh air that offers plenty of interest can be a true find.

Perhaps, one of the overlooked destinations is the Quail Botanical Gardens, in Encinitas, Calif.

Sgt. Angela Villa, a maintenance administration clerk with Marine Refueler Squadron 352 here, recently visited the gardens with her 18-month-old daughter, Moira.

Moira, who exclaimed with gentle coos and happy noises as soon as the walk began, seemed to really enjoy the various waterfalls, pools and grassy, shaded, walled gardens.

“She can walk around and I don’t have to worry about her running away from me into a crowd. She really likes seeing the squirrels, birds and plants. I wouldn’t have thought I would have liked it as much as I did. It was definitely cool,” said Villa.

That seemed to be the opinion of Terry

and Lisa Payne, of Long Beach, Calif., who drove down with their 8 week-old daughter, Hannah.

“She likes to get into the snuggly (a strap-on baby back pack carrier) with us walking. This is a great walk for us,” said Lisa. Terry agreed and said, “It’s relaxing, quiet, shady and beautiful. Really, much better than we had imagined. Very manicured and unique.” They both highly recommended the man-made waterfall as a great family spot to eat lunch or have a picnic.

The gardens were originally a private residence of Ruth Baird Larabee, an avid plant collector and naturalist. In 1957, the land was donated to the public as a plant and wildlife sanctuary. It exists today as an urban retreat.

It is comprised of a collection of plants that are endangered and rare, from the Desert, tropical, subtropical and Mediterranean climates. It is filled with plants from such unique places as Madagascar, the Canary Islands and Australia.

It contains a realistic man-made waterfall that helps the Pantropical rainforest plants thrive in the drier regions.

The gardens also have ancient cycads, majestic palms, flowering trees and the largest bamboo collection in the United States. A Victorian gazebo on a large lawn area surrounded by magnificent trees, flowering shrubs and perennials is a popular outdoor wedding site.

An exhibit displaying the plants and a homesite of the Kumeyaay Indians offers a different perspective on the important roles



photo by Sgt. Kimberly L. Wilkie

Sgt. Angela Villa, a maintenance administration clerk with Marine Refueler Squadron 352 here, and her daughter, Moira, view the inhabitants of the lily pond at the end of the waterfall’s stream at the Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, Calif. The pond is alive with the chirping of crickets, croaking of frogs and the warling songs of birds. The calm water offers both natural shelter and easy meals to its many inhabitants.

that plants play in both modern and primitive cultures. The Quail Botanical Gardens are located 30 minutes North of MCAS Miramar on Interstate 5 and opens 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

daily. The garden’s Web site address: www.qbgardens.com, offers information on the services provided and the plant collection.



photo by Sgt. Kimberly L. Wilkie

Villa and Moira, take time out to view the man-made waterfall. The waterfall is part of a vital man-made ecosystem that produces the level of humidity and temperature necessary for the Rainforest plant specimens planted along its descent, to thrive in the Mediterranean climate of Southern California.

Watering the seeds of the next generation

by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

PAO, MCAS Miramar

As a show of appreciation Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11 presented Sandburgh Elementary School with many thanks and a plaque in the school's courtyard May 4.

Lieutenant Col. Walter H. Augustin, commanding officer of MALS-11, bestowed the gift to the school's principal Gloria Coleman on behalf of his squadron.

Early that Thursday morning, all the students and faculty of Sandburgh Elementary gathered around the school's flagpole for the event. Coleman stepped up to the microphone and asked the students to observe the MALS-11 color guard. The children stood amazed as Marines presented the national ensign and the Marine Corps colors.

Following the color guards presentation, Coleman introduced the Marines and Sailor present. Augustin spoke about MALS-11's more than three-year partnership with Sandburgh as part of the Adopt-a-School and

the Partnerships in Education programs.

"We are proud to be participating in not only the Partnership for Education program here in San Diego County, but also the Adopt-a-School program. We recognize that no person, no woman, no man can achieve any level of greatness without the support of others."

"We at MALS-11 know that we've, through our years, benefited from much support from our parents, our educators, our school systems, our friends and our work environment," said Augustin.

"We thank you for the opportunity and for supplying us with the ability to reach out and touch you," added Augustin.

According to Coleman, the help they receive from MALS-11 Marines year after year aids in making the students stronger, better individuals.

Currently, 23 MALS-11 Marines and Sailors are actively involved with students at the school. Eleven are mentors and 12 volunteer as tutors. Two also lead the children in physical education.



photo by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

Gunnery Sgt. Heriberto A. Ramirez, NCOIC, non-destructive inspections, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, and Petty Officer 2nd class Wayne Scott, aviation electrician, MALS-11, give two of the children of Sandburgh Elementary a hand raising the morning colors. This was the squadron's fourth year working with the school.

These Marines donate whatever time they can spare to helping and supporting Sandburgh Elementary. One Marine in particular, Gunnery Sgt. Heriberto Ramirez, has made himself well-known with the children and faculty. Ramirez has been there for the children for more than three years.

According to Ramirez, the only way to ensure a positive future is to instill positive attitudes into the children.

"Overall I think the program is outstand-

ing. Positive reinforcement creates positive children and negative reinforcement creates negative children," Ramirez said. "You've got to take care of them. It's an investment for the future."

Ramirez is persuaded to dedicate his time and efforts to the children by an old saying, "We haven't inherited the world from our parents, we just borrowed it from our children," Ramirez said.



photo by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

Sergeant Major Dennis Guerra, MALS-11 sergeant major, greets the children of Sandburgh Elementary School as the students arrived May 4. Guerra was one of the many MALS-11 Marines who came to show his support and appreciation to the school for allowing the squadron the opportunity to give guidance to the children with the Adopt-A-School and Partnership in Education programs.

Marine illustrator remembers roots

by Debbie Lefebvre

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It doesn't seem to matter whether the experience spans three years or 30; memories of shared trials and triumphs in the Marine Corps often resurface around Nov. 10th, the Marine Corps' birthday. The nostalgia that naturally characterizes Marines was heightened even more as the last birthday of the 20th century approached.

That was the motivation for Dave Rydberg, a talented illustrator who wrote to *Leatherneck* nearly 38 years after he had last sketched anything for the Marine Corps. Back then, Rydberg was a 23-year-old Marine private first class working as an illustrator for *The Globe* (the base newspaper at Camp Lejeune, N.C.).

The Dec. 7, 1961, issue carried his illustration depicting Mercury astronaut and Marine Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn's historic space flight as the first American to circle the earth.

Rydberg used Joe Rosenthal's famous Associated Press photograph of the flag raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, as a model. But, he substituted members of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration team raising an Atlas rocket of the type used in the U.S. space program. The drawing was entitled "Iwo or Canaveral—Teamwork."

After the illustration appeared, the original artwork was forwarded to then-Lt. Col. Glenn by the editor of *The Globe*. In a letter dated Jan. 25, 1962, the astronaut commended Rydberg for the work: "It is very well done and certainly expresses the feelings of teamwork that we have in this project, just as the original Iwo statue

expressed the teamwork following that battle."

Rydberg had succeeded in capturing the pride of a nation in his drawing. A couple of years later, he left the Corps and immersed himself in a civilian career as an illustrator. But not long ago, a persistent desire began to nag him. "I wanted to create something that would capture the feeling again, that would stir the pride in every Marine who saw it," he explained.

What really got the artist thinking about his service days was the Marine Corps' 224th birthday. "I decided to do something special for our last birthday of [the 20th] century to remind the world of our heritage.

My motive was quite selfish at the time as I wanted to create a shirt design that only I would have at [last] year's birthday banquet," he said. The result was his highly stylized rendition of the Marine Corps emblem. It shows a bald eagle perched aggressively on top of the globe, grasping a grenade in one wing and the noncommissioned officers' sword in the other. Sporting a World War I campaign hat and dog tags, the eagle's menacing look is enhanced by a bandolier of M1 rifle ammunition looped over the top of the wing, a holstered .45-caliber pistol on the breast and a sheath knife around the waist.

Emblazoned in red, white and blue letters above the eagle's head is the word "Marines." Below the eagle's right wing begins the inscription, "Kickin' butt since 1775." At the bottom left-hand corner of the drawing, Rydberg signed his piece and put the motto "Semper Fi" and his dates of service: "58-64."

What happened next was predictable—he showed a couple of Marine Corps

buddies the finished T-shirt with his insignia design on the back, and they wanted shirts of their own. "Many of my friends and [other] former leathernecks are now soliciting me for these shirts so they too can be adorned with my 'kickin' butt' tribute to my beloved Marine Corps," he said.

Rydberg says he sees proof everywhere of the notion that the Marine Corps is a band of brothers. "I can go out and shoot pool anywhere in town and guys will see the USMC tattoo on my arm. They'll come up, shake my hand and say, 'Semper Fi, brother.'"

"I can't begin to tell you what pride I still harbor when asked about my military affiliation," he continued, "and the consequent respect I'm given from those I've told. It's great to say, 'I was a U.S. Marine.' I cannot imagine being anything else!"

When Rydberg speaks of the Corps, it is obvious—from the sentiment in his voice—that he gained more from it than his skills as an illustrator. That sentiment explains why the artist didn't need to use a model of the Marine Corps emblem in developing his design. He simply sketched what is etched in his heart.

His next project is to produce an



photo courtesy of Dave Rydberg

Then, a private first class, Dave Rydberg, works on his drawing that illustrates the teamwork necessary for the success of John Glenn's historic space flight aboard Mercury 7.

illustration commemorating the sacrifices of Marines during the Korean War.

Dave Rydberg would be delighted to hear from any of the buddies with whom he served from 1958 to 1964. While at Camp Lejeune, he also served as a member of the 2d Topographical Company, Force Troops. His earlier duty stations included Quantico, Va.; the Brooklyn Navy Yard; and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

To contact him or find out more about his Marine Corps shirts, call him at (941) 485-0797 or write to him at 901 Albee Rd., Nokomis, FL 34275.

Editor's note: Mr. Don Moore, senior writer for The Sun-Herald in Englewood, Fla., contributed to this article by providing interview excerpts.

Multi-cultural Heritage Day: celebration of differences

by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Miramar Marines, Sailors and their families gathered in the parking lot of the Sports Complex May 3 to experience a bit of culture.

Marine Corps Community Services sponsored the air station's first Multicultural Heritage Festival, featuring food, entertainment and information on various cultures from around the world.

Squadrons from Miramar hosted most of the booths that lined the outer perimeter of

the parking lot. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron's Mexican booth proved to be particularly popular, serving native cuisine.

The event hosted a larger variety than what may have been expected. "When I first walked up here and took a glance around, there didn't seem to be many different types of booths. But once I was able to get around and check things out I was pleasantly surprised at the diversity," Lance Cpl. Steve A. Kassiotis, H&HS squadron gunnery sergeant's clerk, said, "It gives people the chance to take a peek at a way of life they don't experience everyday."

According to Kassiotis, the event was worthwhile and definitely one of the best he's attended since being stationed here at Miramar.

The festival contained the cultural flavors of Jamaica, the Philippines, Mexico, Brazil and Korea, to name a few. The variety of food stretched from Philipino pancit to Southern hot links. For those not interested in trying something different, hot dogs and hamburgers were also available.

Stage performances by volunteers from

throughout Miramar, the local community and the Youth Center, such as Hawaiian hula dancing and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu martial arts demonstrations, kept the crowd entertained throughout the day.

"Once I got past the sweet aroma of good food that so pleasantly filled the air, I sat down and enjoyed the stage shows. The acts were great, particularly the hula dancer," said Lance Cpl. Brandon A. Cacek, H&HS ordnance clerk here, said.



photo by Lance Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

Gunnery Sgt. Laura L. Brown, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, squadron gunnery sergeant here, takes another order for some authentic Mexican cuisine prepared at the H&HS booth during the Multicultural Heritage Festival May 3.

Miramar stomps MCRD back into its place during ball game

by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

PAO, MCAS Miramar

Miramar’s men’s softball team improved their Southern Pacific League record to 4-1 with an 11-4 victory over Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego here Tuesday evening.

A host of Miramar players contributed the victory with good play on both sides of the plate.

Left center fielder Ken Lockwood lead the Miramar team in offense, he was 3-for-4 leading off, including a capstone three-run homerun in the team’s breakout fourth inning.

Lockwood scored another run in the top of the seventh and then gunned down MCRD left fielder Robbie Milet in the bottom of the frame to put a damper on their last inning rally.

Miramar left fielder Jason Page also went 3-for-4. Page knocked in the first run in the first and later added a solo homer in the fourth. He also made a sliding catch on a shallow loop to left in the fifth to further deaden MCRD’s hope of a comeback.

Pitcher Jimmy Sanchez kept MCRD batters in check, causing 13 of 21 batters to pop out. Sanchez added a pair of run scoring doubles.

Third baseman Maurice Smith also made

it on base in all four at bats and had a run batted in. Short stop Matt Costello showed some nice leather and a strong arm, robbing MCRD batters of otherwise likely hits a handful of times.

The game began with a 1-1 tie at the end of the first. However, Miramar added two runs in the second and another six runs in the fourth, while MCRD responded with one run in the top of the fourth.

Smith knocked in Lockwood and later scored his second run of the game when MCRD right fielder Calvin Whitmore misplayed Smith’s lined shot over first base. The misplay landed the speedy Smith easily at third. He scored on a sacrifice fly by first baseman Martin Jones, putting MCRD behind 11-2.

MCRD catcher Mike Miller began their only multiple-run rally at the top of the seventh. He was advanced to second on Milet’s single and scored on a long single off the bat of second baseman Kelly Coffey.

Coffey ended up at second when Milet unsuccessfully tried to leg out an extra base. Third baseman Brent Olson scored Coffey with a single to left, but was one of seven MCRD base runners left stranded in the game.

The loss dropped MCRD to 1-3. The next game is Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Field 4 here.



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Miramar third basemen Mitchell LeBlac applies the tag to MCRD left fielder Robbie Milet for the first out in the final inning. Milet was gunned down by left fielder Ken Lockwood (in background) when Milet tried to take an extra base.



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Miramar’s speedy third baseman, Maurice Smith, tags up on a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning to give Miramar an 11-2 lead over MCRD. Smith was among a handful of Miramar players who contributed to the victory. He was 3-for-4, making it on base in all four at bats, scoring twice and batting in a run as well. Pitcher Jimmy Sanchez and left-fielder Jason Page also added a pair of RBIs.

Miramar Softball noon standings					Miramar Intramural Flag Football standings				
Rank	Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	Rank	Team	Win	Loss	Pct.
1	Posse	8	0	1	1	Posse	6	0	1.00
2	Forerunners	7	1	2	2	Just Nasty	8	1	.889
3	Aces	7	2	3	3	Hustlers	5	1	.833
4	Tyrants	6	2	4	4	Aces	7	2	.777
5	En Fuego	5	2	5	5	Chow Hawgs	7	2	.777
6	Prosecutors	4	2	6	6	Hornets	6	3	.667
7	4 Real	3	3	7	7	Run & Gun	4	4	.500
8	Lockdown	3	3	8	8	Runners	4	5	.444
9	Hitmen	3	4	9	9	Panthers	3	4	.429
10	Enigmas	3	5	10	10	AVI	3	6	.333
11	GSE	3	5	11	11	Shooters	1	3	.250
12	Tanked Up	2	5	12	12	Stangs	2	7	.222
13	Scrubs	2	6	13	13	Tanked Up	1	6	.143
14	Ready Cat 1	1	5	14	14	Power plants	1	7	.125
15	Supply	0	5	15	15	X-Men	1	8	.111
16	Heavy Hitters	0	7	16					

Miramar Softball night standings				
Rank	Team	Win	Loss	Pct.
1	Tigers	5	1	.833
2	Raiders	4	1	.800
3	Help Wanted	2	3	.666
4	Regulators	3	2	.600
5	Devils	3	4	.429
6	Wolfpack	0	6	.000
7	.38 Special	0	0	.000

Community Events

“Here’s to Your Health” Fair

MCCS Semper Fit’s Fitness Center Athletic Field is the place to be on May 24, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will promote overall health and fitness. Sign up by Friday for the All-Comers’ Tug-o-War Competition. Twelve 10-person teams will compete for trophies! Call Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bohannon at 577-8430/7210 for details.

Aerob-a-Thon, Aqua-thon Are Free

MCCS Semper Fit invites you to join in their Aerob-a-Thon on Thursday, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., on the grassy area between the Main Gym and Jet Mart.

All authorized patrons and family members are welcome to participate for just an hour or for the whole two and a half hours of floor aerobics, step aerobics, cardio kickboxing, muscle conditioning, lower body sculpting and ab blasters. Call 577-4128 for details.

On May 27, Semper Fit has an Aqua-Thon planned at the 50 Meter pool, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free, casual breakfast munchies will be available after the workout. For more information, call 577-4129.

Get Together to Get in Shape

Group exercise classes include Cardio-Kickboxing, Muscle Challenge, Super Step, Cardio Challenge, Senior Fit, Ab Blaster, Yoga, Kid Fit, Butts & Gutts, Cardio Interval and Aero-Sculpt. All aerobics classes are free.

Yoga classes are \$5 per class or \$30 for eight classes. For a complete class schedule and facility hours, call 577-4129.

The Great Escape Goes to Tinsel Town

Take the May 21 tour to Universal Studios and see how movies are made. Call 577-6171 for information on Off Base Adventures.

Armed Forces Day Festival 2000

Join the all-day, all-fun event celebrating the Armed Forces of the United States, with a car show, on-stage entertainment, kiddie rides, a military history exhibit, a craft fair and more. Admission and parking are free.

The Auto Hobby Shop invites everyone to enter or attend the 9th Annual Armed Forces Day Festival Car Show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 20. Enter your classic, muscle car, street rod, sports car, antique or custom car; the first 100 entrants will receive a dash plaque and T-shirt. Early registration is \$15; day-of-show is \$18. Call Mike Young, 577-1215.

For more information about the Armed Forces Day Festival, call 577-1000.

Base Museum Plans a Grand Opening

The Flying Leatherneck Museum is planning a great grand opening celebration on May 25 at 2:30 p.m. They have a collection of historic Marine aircraft and displays of Marine aviation. They’re in Building T-2002, next to the Officers’ Club.

Freebies of the Week for May

• May 8-12: Visit the veterinary clinic in Building 6428 and sign-up to win one of two

pairs of round trip tickets from Newport Beach to Catalina Island via the Catalina Flyer (see www.catalinainfo.com). These tickets are worth \$36 each! While at the clinic, you can fill out a quik-and-simple survey to let MCCS know how you feel about the expanded animal care services on base.

• Monday-June 1: Enjoy a half-day sport fishing trip, courtesy of the Outdoor Adventure Center. They have two tickets, each for two anglers; sign up and win! Call 577-4149 for details.

• May 22 – 26: The Miramar Lodge (Building 2716, across from Mills Park) has a family four-pack of tickets to the world-famous San Diego Zoo (see www.sandiegozoo.com). Call 271-7111 for information or directions to the Lodge.

• May 29 – June 2: Visit the Omnimax at the Reuben H. Fleet Space Center, courtesy of the Miramar Bowling Center, Building 2525. They have five pairs of tickets; call 577-4131 for details.

Tower Snack Bar Has Break-fast, Lunch Deals

This week, the Tower Snack Bar has a ham and cheese omelet, with hash browns, toast and jelly, and 8 ounce coffee for just \$2.99. Next week’s breakfast special stars bacon and two eggs.

This week’s \$3.99 lunch special is a tuna melt with American cheese, french fries and a 32 ounce fountain drink. Next week, ask for the grilled roast beef with Swiss cheese on sourdough bread, also with fries and a 32 ounce drink.

They’re open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 9211.

Teen Week in Hawaii

Register by today for Teen Week at Camp Wolahi, Aug. 13-18. Teens 13 to 18 are eligible, and the first 25 teens to sign up will receive a \$180 scholarship for use toward camp fees, reducing the actual cost to \$75 including transportation, lodging, food and activities. Call the Youth/Teen Center at 577-4136.

Treat Momma Right!

The Officers’ Club is planning an all-you-can-eat Mother’s Day Brunch Sunday, complete with an omelet bar, French toast, Belgian waffles and more. The price is \$14.95

adults, \$6.95 for ages 4 to 12. It’s open to officers, senior enlisted staff (E-6 and above) in appropriate civilian attire, retirees, DOD civilians (GS-7 and above), family members and guests. Reservations are required; call 577-4808.

They’ve Got Just the Ticket!

What do animal parks, amusement parks, harbor cruises, baseball, movies, museums, dinner theaters and discounted tickets have in common? The Entertainment Ticket Office! Call them at 577-4141/26 or visit Building 2524 to pick up the current Price Information brochure. They’re open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Night Out next Friday. Drop the kids and boogie! Call 577-4136 for details.

Softball Fan Alert!

The Men’s and Women’s Softball Southern Pacific Season games include a men’s game against Naval Medical Center Tuesday. The women play Naval Station on May 22. Games are at 6 p.m. on Field No. 4. Call 577-1202 for more information.

Sports Notes

Anyone interested in joining the Miramar track team should call Gunny Sanford at 577-9597 or 577-1202.

Players and coaches are needed for the varsity women’s volleyball team. Call 577-4128/1202.

If you are interested in roller hockey officiating, call the Sports Office, 577-1202.

Free **Movies**

•**Today:** *Erin Brockovich (R)*, 6:30 p.m.; *The Final Destination (R)*, 8:30 p.m.

•**Saturday:** *Erin Brockovich (R)*, 6:30 p.m.; *The Next Best Thing (PG-13)*, 8:30 p.m.

•**Sunday:** *My Dog Skip (PG)*, 1 p.m.; *Mission to Mars (PG)* 6:30 p.m.

Work smarter, not harder

by Tom Graneau

MCCS Personal Financial Management office

If you could save twice the amount you save now, would you be twice as well off?

While it’s true you would double your return if you doubled your savings, few people can afford to increase their savings by such a large amount. However, you can still succeed financially without having to double your savings. Here is what I mean:

If you save \$150 per month at a five percent annual return, in 40 years you would have \$229,856. If you doubled your savings to \$300 per month, you would double your return, to \$459,712.

It goes without saying that in order to double the amount you save each month, you would have to work harder, unless

you run into an unexpected cash flow windfall.

There is an easier way to get the same or better results. Instead of working harder or longer, let’s try to work smarter. If, for example, you continue to save the same \$150 per month but now earn 10 percent instead of five percent your account, in 40 years, will be worth \$956,517. This amount is four times more than if you had earned five percent. Indeed, working smart is twice as profitable as working hard.

Moreover, if you find yourself in a position to do both at the same time, the reward will be significantly greater.

By boosting your monthly savings to \$300 and earning 10 percent annual return, you will have \$1,913,034 at the end of 40 years.

Good luck to you.

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“from/to” destination and the computer will tell them how much money they’ll get for the move. If they select the lump sum option, the money will be electronically transferred to the service member’s bank account.

“It will also have a personalized Web page outfitted with instructions and ‘prepopulated’ forms showing the service member’s name, family members, entitlements and answers to questions,” Rossetti said.

“We want to have the computer take care of service members during their move,” he said. “We have something working in the lab called P-3 Quantum, a personal PCS page. When you key your name, Social Security number and PIN number into the system, your personal profile comes up. The computer already knows, based on our manpower database, who you are, how many kids you have, and all the other information that used to go on nearly 100 forms.”

The guesswork will also be taken away for household goods shipments. Members will be able to click on a piece of furniture and its approximate weight will be shown and automatically added to the inventory. A personalized travel calendar, information about updating drivers licenses, passports and entitlements will also be provided.

Rossetti said the proposal doesn’t increase temporary lodging and temporary housing allowances.

“It allows an up-front payment that can be used for any expenses,” he said. “For example, it wouldn’t require receipts. So if you have an alternative to staying in temporary lodging, you can stay with a relative or friend and use the money for something else associated with a PCS move. What we care about is you get to your duty station on time and with the least pain.”

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the Marines from various bases along the West Coast who came to support the contest. By the time everyone finished eating, the scores had been tallied and the winner was announced. “Our Chef of the Quarter, for second quarter is Cpl. Rodriguez,” Chief Warrant Officer 3 Camille C. Smith, food service officer here, announced.

Rodriguez, a 21-year-old, Bronx, N.Y., native who joined the Corps from Mesa, Ariz., received the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal and a trophy for his chicken dinner with a dazzling array of sides.

“I feel pretty good about winning,” Rodriguez said weeks after his victory, “People look up to me now. They know I know my stuff. Well, everyone knew I was a good cook before, but winning sort of stamped it,” Rodriguez said.

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representative of the Armed Forces.

Examples of permissible political activities for civilian employees are: register and vote in any election; express an opinion as an individual privately and publicly on political subjects and candidates; display a political picture, sticker, badge, or button; attend, in an individual capacity, a political convention, rally, fundraising function or other political gathering; sign a political petition as an individual and make a financial contribution to a political party or organization.

Examples of prohibited political activities for civilian employees are: use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election; engage in political activity while on duty; engage in any political activity

while in any Federal workplace; engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignia identifying the office or position of the civilian employee; engage in political activity while using a government owned or leased vehicle; solicit political contributions from the general public and wear political buttons on duty.

Installation facilities should not be used by any candidate (either incumbents or new office seekers), members of their staffs, or their campaign representatives for: assemblies or meetings; media events, including speeches; fundraising events for political candidates, parties, or causes regardless of the sponsorship; press conferences, or any other activity that could be construed as political in nature.

Violations of these laws and regulations pertaining to political activity may subject both military and civilian personnel to adverse administrative action or criminal prosecution. Questions concerning political activities may be addressed to the Civil Law Section of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at (703) 784-2776.

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sage 114-00, March 1.

Future nominations are due by Feb. 28 of each year. To be nominated for the award, a Marine must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Marine captain serving as a commander, S-6 staff officer, holding the 0602 MOS or serving in a 0602 billet
- Be recognized by seniors, contemporaries and subordinates as the officer who most exemplifies outstanding leadership within a C2S environment
- Exhibit a superior knowledge and understanding of communications and data systems employment in support of command and control- Exhibit officer-like qualities that have made an outstanding contribution to the development of esprit de corps and loyalty within the unit
- Set the standards in which all officers seek to emulate. Although the captain may be selected to the rank of major, the officer becomes disqualified if promoted during the nomination period.



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Col. Paul P. McNamara hands the colors, and the symbolic reigns of the MAG-16 command, to Col. Martin D. Peatross during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 4, May 5. “The Marines deserve good leadership. Col. Peatross will give them that leadership,” said McNamara. “I will treat them well and take care of them,” said Peatross. He also reassured Maj. Gen. M.P. DeLong, Commanding General 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, that MAG-16 will continue to provide the wide scope of combat ready aviation support to 3d MAF and I MEF as it has in the past.